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3           Digital Creative Works such as copyrighted electronic media are  
4       packaged in a secure electronic format, or CONTAINER, and registered on  
5       associated registration server, which serves to provide on-line licensing and  
6       copyright management for that Work. Users are connected to the registration  
7       server through a computer network or the Internet to enable data transfers and  
8       to transact licenses to utilize the media. Packaged electronic media are typically  
9       created by an author or derivative user of the work. Once the packaged media is  
10      registered on the server, the media is made available for limited use and possible  
11      license through an authorization server. This limited use is specified within the  
12      minimum permissions data set assigned to each packaged media. Without a  
13      license, users are typically permitted to view the packaged media - through a  
14      system which unpackages the media - but cannot save, print or otherwise  
15      transfer the media without obtaining auxiliary permissions to do so from the  
16      authorization server. The electronic media is authenticated through digital  
17      signatures and optional encryption.